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Filing Date	May 19, 2004
First Named Inventor	Barbara A. Christensen et al.
Art Unit	2163
Examiner Name	H. Vy
Attorney Docket Number	33012/385/101

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Signature	<i>Wayne A. Sivertson</i>	Date	<i>Jan 19, 2009</i>
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Barbara A. Christensen et al.

Serial No.: 10/848,904

Examiner: H. Vy

Filing Date: May 19, 2004

Group Art Unit: 2163

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SYNCHRONIZING DATASET OBJECT PROPERTIES  
WITH UNDERLYING DATABASE

Docket No.: 33012/385/101

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(37 C.F.R. 1.114)**

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Dear Sir:

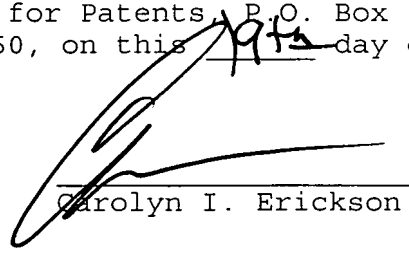
1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

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Carolyn I. Erickson

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted (check appropriate item(s) below):

- i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
- ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
  - ☐ Prior to payment of issue fee
  - ☐ Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted

- iii. ☐ Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences  
☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this request for Continued Examination is being filed.
- iv. ☐ Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or  
☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146  
☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action  
☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

#### ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- ☐ An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)  
☐ Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ New arguments
- ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
- ☐ Other:

#### FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:

- ☐ Small entity (and status is still as small entity)  
\$405.00
- ☒ Other than a small entity  
\$810.00

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

- (c) ☒ No additional fee is required.

OR

- (d) ☐ Total additional fee required is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

#### EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension for (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$130.00	\$65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$490.00	\$245.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,110.00	\$555.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,730.00	\$865.00
		Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant(s) believe(s) that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that Applicant(s) has/have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

#### TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))	\$810.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (if any)	\$ 0.00
(§ 1.16(b) - (d))	
Extension of time fee (if any)	\$ 0.00
(§ 1.17(a)(1) - (4))	
Total Fee(s) Due	\$810.00

#### PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

- ☒ Check is attached for the sum of \$810.00

- ☐ Charge Account 14-0620 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Please charge any deficiencies or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 14-0620.

#### INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:
- ☒ the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.
- ☐ fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.
- ☐ a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 is/has separately:
- ☐ being filed
- ☐ been filed

#### DEFERRAL OF EXAMINATION

10. ☐ A request for deferral of examination accompanies this request for continued examination.

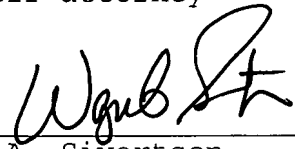
Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Christensen et al.

By their attorney

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